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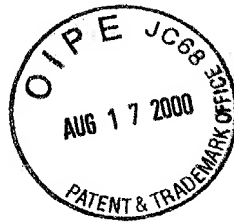
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Xiaohua Huang et al.

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**AMENDMENT**

The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2000, applicants request reconsideration of the patentability of claims 1-16. A check for \$180.00 is supplied for the 10 extra new claims beyond those already paid for. If any additional fee is required to enter this amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Applicants affirm the election of claims 1-16.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel non-elected claims 17-22 without prejudice to their further examination in a divisional application.

1. (Amended) A method to determine a nucleotide at a polymorphic locus in a nucleic acid sample, comprising the steps of:

amplifying a region of DNA comprising a polymorphic locus in the sample to form amplified DNA products using a primer which terminates at its 3' end at the polymorphic locus, wherein the

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